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### (54) EXTERNAL PREPARATION OF SKIN

(57)Abstract:

**PURPOSE:** To obtain an eternal agent of skin suppressing exasperation of turnover of epidermis resulting from ultraviolet light and various components, having effects on normalization of keratinization of epidermis.

**CONSTITUTION:** An eternal agent of skin containing a sphingosine such as sphingosine, dihydrosphingosine, phytosphingosine, dehydrosphingosine, sphingadienine, N-methyl derivatives and N,N-dimethyl derivatives of these compounds. The amount of the sphingosine blended is 0.001-5wt.%, especially 0.01-1wt.% in the case of an emulsion-based external preparation of skin and 0.01-10wt.%, especially 0.05-2wt.% in the case of an oily external preparation of skin comprising a liquid hydrocarbon such as squalane as a base.

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